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OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

TUSCALOOSA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

COTTONDALE CHURCH,

TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA,

From the 5th to the 7th of September 1894.

OFFICERS.

J. H. CURRY, MODERATOR.

J. T. YERBY, STATED CLERK.

The next session will be held with Flat Woods Church, commencing
on Wednesday after the first Sabbath in September, 1895.



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SEPTEMBER 5, 1894.

The Tuscaloosa Baptist Association assembled, in its Sixty-second Annual Session, with the Cottondale Church, on the 5th of September, 1894.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by L. O. Dawson, from Math. 7:1-2—"Judge not that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be jndged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

After the sermon, a recess of one and a half hours was taken, during which a most elegant repast was served by the good people of Cottondale and vicinity. At 2 p. m., the delegates and visitors assembled in the meeting house, and the Association was called to order by J. H. Curry, the former Moderator. Prayer by J. T. Bealle. The Moderator appointed J. T. Bealle and J. S. Yerby Reading Clerks for the occasion, and as the delegates came forward with their letters, they voted for Moderator, which resulted in the choice of J. H. Curry. J. T. Yerby, the Stated Clerk, still acting.

The following list is an exhibit of the churches and the names of the delegates from each. (Names of ordained ministers written in **SMALL CAPITALS**; names of licentiates in *italics*; absentees marked thus *) :

First District—Churches on the south side of the Warrior River.

BELLVIEW—W. T. RODGERS,* W. C. Brown,* J. A. Wright, J.R. Pemberton,*
J. W. Russell.

BETHANY—S. E. HODGE,* L. R. Finnell, Lee Hughes, S. E. Hughes.

BETHEL—J. W. Matthews, S. M. Black, Henry Black,* H. C. Fikes.*

BIBBVILLE—*J. T. Alexander*, A. Gallant,* A. C. Riley, Thos. Lansing.*

BIG HURRICANE—L. L. Pumphry, J. E. Kizziah,* S. W. Loggins, W. F. Williams,* W. W. Lawrence,* J. R. HALMAN, S. N. Poe.

BIG SANDY—B. M. Phifer, J. H. Glover,* S. C. Sharp,* J. D. Blocker, Y. T. Axford.*

BLOCTON—W. J. Norris,* W. W. Perry,* J. C. Jones,* A.B. Little,* C. Stone.*

BROOKWOOD—J. E. Barringer, F. D. Hamilton, Luther Boyd,* Robert Walker.*

COTTONDALE—D. W. Campbell, B. F. Blackburn, G. W. Simons, J. H. Ryland,
German Stephens.

GILGAL—M. B. SMITH, T. B. WHATLEY, Geo. Swindle, W. P. CURRY,* J. W. Thompson, O. Albright, N. A. Skelton.
 HOPEWELL—L. W. Johnson, D. A. Brown, L. O. Brown.
 LITTLE SANDY—T. M. BARBOUR, J. H. PAYNE, J. M. Wright.
 MT. MORIAH—E. J. CARLISLE, R. Hogan, Jno. Goodson, D. B. Tucker.
 MT. PLEASANT—W. R. Brown, N. Thompson, W. R. Copeland, F. Thompson.
 MT. ZION—L. H. HUFF, Jas. Durrett, W. Hutchins, Frank Whatley, Lewis Hutchins, R. M. Gibbons.
 SARDIS—J. T. Hayes, W. W. Williams, D. J. Ward, J. W. Morrison.
 SHULTZ CREEK—A. F. Blake,* J. A. Lowrey,* E. M. Crider,* W. F. Lowrey.*
 SILOAM—B. F. Caffee,* N. D. Vernon,* J. H. MIZE.*
 TUSCALOOSA—L. O. DAWSON, J. H. FOSTER, J. T. YERBY, Robison Brown, J. C. Brown, J. M. Ward, J. S. Yerby, S. A. Yerby, F. S. Moody, A. J. Roby, H. F. Hill, W. H. Wilds, C. R. Wheelock.
 VANCE—S. H. Knox,* Sid Quarles,* R. M. Vance, W. J. MILLER.
 WOODSTOCK—J. E. WILSON, J. M. Roland, M. P. Champion,* Milo Kimbrel,* R. A. Herring.*

Second District—Churches on the north side of the Warrior River.

BETHANY—S. E. Hodge,* L. R. Finnell, Lee Hughes, S. E. Hughes.
 BIG CREEK—H. C. Koster, R. N. Barringer, E. Coleman, Jno. Findley, Jr.
 CARROLL'S CREEK—Silent.
 FLAT WOODS—W. H. Sloan,* W. H. Lewis, J. H. Anders, L. P. Anders.
 MT. OLIVE—W. N. Bryant, J. C. Shamblin, J. M. Wheat, W. A. Roycroft.
 MT. PARON—D. E. Snider, L. M. Watson, W. Snider,* R. M. Hutto.*
 NORTHPORT—W. A. Connell, J. Hardin, J. W. Brown,* J. H. CURRY, J. W. Norris,* R. S. Cox, J. T. BEALL, J. T. Davis.

PINEY GROVE.

PLEASANT HILL—John Turner.

WINDHAM SPRINGS—E. D. Christian, Senior, J. N. Banks, J. M. Lollar,* D. J. Dunn.

Received correspondence as follows:

BIRMINGHAM—J. R. Meggs.

HARMONY—Elder P. L. Herring, H. G. Ray, J. A. Mareum, with Minutes.

EUFALA—G. B. Davis.

W. B. Crumpton was received as Secretary and Treasurer of the State Mission Board, and as agent for the Alabama Baptist, and as representative of all other good things not represented by some one else.

The Moderator then appointed the following Special Committees to serve during the present session,—and also filled vacancies on the Standing Committees:

Preaching—E. D. Christian, O. Albright, Pastor and Deacons of Cottontdale.

Documents—R. M. Vance, Luther Finnell and J. H. Ryland.

Nominations—Robison Brown, J. H. Anders and W. A. Roycroft.

Finance—A. J. Roby, S. M. Black and J. T. Hayes.

Ophanage—J. H. Foster, T. M. Barbour and John Finley.

The Moderator then gave an opportunity for new or unassociated churches to join the Association, when Brookwood church came forward by letter and delegates, and being found orthodox, was duly received and attached to the First District.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows: T. M. Barbour is appointed to preach at the Baptist church to-night, and J. T. Beall at the Methodist church, J.R. Halman to conduct Devotional Exercises to-morrow morning at 9 a. m.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made the following report :

We think there has been a marked improvement in S. S. Work since the last Association. We have Sunday Schools in more than two-thirds of the churches in this Association, with a total membership including officers, teachers, and pupils of about 1,300. We rejoice in the fact that our Sunday School Convention is doing a good work in strengthening Sunday Schools and establishing them in those churches which have none. The motto of the convention is—a Sunday School in every church, and we trust by the next meeting of this Association that we will be able to report that every church in the Tuscaloosa Association has a Sunday School. Many of our brethren and their pastors are taking a very active part in this factor of the Sunday School work; and there are others whose support we hope to have soon, as we need a unanimous effort along this line.

From the report made at the State Convention which convened at Marion, Ala., we learn that there were at that time about 700 Sunday Schools in Alabama, composed of 30,000 including officers and teachers. This leaves 900 churches yet without Sunday Schools, which shows us that we still have a great deal to do in the Sunday School work.

We recommend that our schools order their literature through the State Board of Missions at Montgomery, which, while it adds nothing to the cost of the literature, puts some money into the hands of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. HUFF, Chairman.

Still growing in excellence, in influence, in favor, is the Convention Series of Sunday School Helps. Fine exegetical work, strong denominational lessons, distinct Missionary features make this series exactly suited our southern schools, and they are realizing it. Rev. E. C. Dargan, D. D., (In the Teacher); Rev. E. J. Forrester, D. D., (In the Advanced Quarterly); Rev. S. Boykin, D. D., (In the Intermediate and Primary Quarterlies), will furnish the comments on the lessons for the fourth quarter; while a number of our best men will furnish articles for the Teacher.

Every teacher should read the articles on the life of Chrfst, which began in the Teacher in July and will run twelve months. Prof. A. T. Robertson, of the Seminary, is doing fine work on these. Kind Words, beginning with August, contains in its missionary department, once a month, an outline programme for children's bands. Let leaders of Bands note this fact. And in October the third page will contain a Bible Reading Department. Look for it. Do not forget The Young People's Leader, our twelve page monthly for young people's societies—price, 40c a year. Send for samples of all. Prices per year: The Teacher, 50c.; Advanced Quarterly, 10c.; Intermediate Quarterly, 9c.; Primary Quarterly, 9c.; Lesson Leaflet, 5c.; Picture Lesson Cards, 16c.; Kind Words: Weekly, 50c.; Semi-monthly, 25c.; Monthly, 16c.; Child's Gem, 25c.; Bible Lesson Pictures, \$5.00; Young People's Leader, 40c.

When ordering for one quarter, divide above prices by four. Terms cash. Broadns' Catachism, 5 cents apiece in any quantity; Manly's larger, 75c. a dozen; smaller, 50c. Reward Cards, Sunday School Record Book, etc. Bibles and Testaments, any styles and prices. Baptist Sunday School Board, T. P. Bell Corresponding Secretary, Nashville, T.

Adjourned with benediction to 9½ to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—SEPTEMBER 6, 9 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and engaged in devotional exercises for a half hour, conducted by J. R. Halman.

An opportunity was given G. B. Davis to exhibit a large wall map and Bible chart, which attracted much attention.

The report on State Missions, together with the work of J.T. Bealle as Missionary Colporter, was read and adopted as follows:

Employed by the executive committee of the Association for one half my time I began work on the fifteenth of November, 1893. During this time I have done the following work:

Days of service 106; miles traveled 995; visits made 341; sermons preached 59; subscribers Alabama Baptist 7; addresses made 11; Professions of conversion 1; Baptized 2; received by letter 11; collected for State Mission \$40.27; collected for church building \$23.16; pages of tracts distributed 7000; books sold 128, value \$50.84; Bibles sold 25, value \$34.60; testaments sold 117, value \$30.21; bibles given away 3, value \$0.70; Testaments given away 12, value \$1.12; Tracts and Booklets given away \$4.42.

I have preached at Windham Springs on the first Sunday in each month and Saturday before. At Brookwood on the fourth Sunday in each month and Saturday night before. At Carroll's Creek on second Sunday afternoon, and at several other churches one or more times.

I have received in pay for services from Windham Springs \$2.55; Brookwood \$21.08; Carroll's Creek \$2.15; Blocton \$8.63; Tuscaloosa

\$75.00; Bethany 21 cents; Big Hurricane \$1.65; Northport \$18.28; Woodstock \$4.00; Gilgal \$2.72; Book Department \$31.14; Total \$167.41. To Sept. 1, 1894, 9½ months service, \$158.33. Overpaid to Sept. 1, \$9.08. Due Colportage Department \$41.78. Books on hand \$32.10. Accounts \$11.45. Accounts and Books \$43.55. In the Unity and Love of the Spirit.

JOHN T. BEALLE.

The past associational year has been one of depression in business and unrest in the affairs of State. The friends of State Missions have been fearful, but the work has been vigorously prosecuted, and the aggregate results are encouraging.

The State Board of Missions now has in charge the work of ministerial education and Bible and Colportage. Thus have been brought together three boards, lessening expenses and making strength in unity.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton is still Secretary of the Board and now has more time to travel and work, as Bro. J. B. Collier is retained as manager of the Book Department and office Secretary.

The work of ministerial education was committed to this Board with a debt of some \$700. The Secretary made an urgent appeal in March which was responded to promptly and liberally by many of the churches. There were nineteen ministerial students in Howard College, sixteen of them receiving aid, five in the Seminary, one receiving help, and two in high schools helped by their association. The Secretary reported to the State Convention a debt of \$200 to Howard College. While the Board still supplements the salaries of pastors of weak churches in important places, and when the need is urgent, more attention is given to evangelistic work—"Sowing beside all Waters." There "Evangelists have done a good Work." Our Missionaries are reported to have constituted four new churches; organized twenty-seven Sunday Schools; received by letter 318; baptized 333; collected \$3,812.15 for Meeting Houses, State Mission, Home Mission, Foreign Mission, Ministerial Education and Orphan's Home; secured 126 subscribers to Alabama Baptist, and 195 to Foreign Mission Journal.

The Secretary has often been unable to pay promptly the Missionaries employed. "Some of them have really suffered for the want of their salaries." The year was begun with a debt of \$868.25. When the Convention met in July, we owed about \$1000. Efforts are being made to put Missionary Colporters in each association. Already many associations have them. The plan is to pay them a small salary from the Missionary fund, or the Association and Board jointly employ them. These "have wrought most effectively in Randolph, Henry, Conecuh, Chambers, Tallapoosa, Lee, Marengo, Clark, Marshall and Geneva, and moderately so in some other counties."

Secretary Crumpton says: "Amid the gloom that surrounds us this very trying year, I am glad to call your attention to a few things which, to my mind, are cheering. More churches and Sunday Schools are adopting the monthly plan of taking collections for missions. The number of individuals who practice the tithing system is increasing. We

have on our books this year a large number of churches which never gave before." In the same report he recommends: "That the plan of taking collections every month, for some specified object, be pressed. My experience the past year impresses me that this is the best plan for all churches, and if generally adopted would be greatly productive of good."

We agree with our Secretary that every church should have a plan of Systematic Giving. Baptists should adopt the Bible plan—that of periodic laying by in store, or giving into the Lord's treasury "*on the first day of the week.*"

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. BEALLE, Chairman.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the Association adjourned to hear the Annual Missionary Sermon by L. O. Dawson from Mal. 3:12—"And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts." Immediately after the sermon, a collection of \$11.13 was taken for missions. Adjourned till 2 p. m., for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION—THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Met and was opened with prayer by W. H. Wilds.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported:

The Southern Baptists are preaching the Gospel to two classes of people. 1. To heathens who have never heard of God. 2. To the benighted millions in Catholic countries who have changed the true worship of Jehovah into a most dangerous form of idolatry. In the first class, our Missionaries are to be found in Japan, China and Africa.

The work in Japan is just beginning to develop, it being the youngest of our Missions. Our four Missionaries there report many encouraging features, but are heart sick because so many thousands want to hear the word and are so few to meet their request. These few are trying to give the Gospel to nine millions of people. The Lord added nine new converts to their little church last year. China is the heart of heathenism, the very stronghold of Satan. Here in the last year we have baptized 122 converts, and now have a membership of 1,077. One third of all the human race lives in China, and we have only 38 Missionaries among them. A cruel war is being waged between China and Japan. Our Missionaries are in danger, and in every battle that is fought hundreds of heathen souls go unprepared to God. Let us pray for the workers and the perishing multitudes. In Africa we have nine workers who report 24 baptisms and a membership of 166. The work here is hindered by many difficulties, but the arm of the Lord is moving among the people. It is pitiful to hear heathen negroes appealing to Christian nations to cease sending them liquors which is doing for Africa what opium has done for China.

In the Catholic countries of Italy, Mexico, and Brazil, in the face of bitter persecution our Missionaries has done a noble work, and have in

the last year by the help of God led 474 souls out of the darkness of Romanism into the glorious light of the gospel. We have in these three countries a fine membership of more than 2,000 souls.

In all of our foreign fields the Lord is raising up native preachers of great power, who to their own people are telling the old Story with wonderful results, and it is gratifying to note that the native Christians in all their poverty are struggling toward self support—yea more, are even trying to send the gospel to others.

Alabama Baptists contributed about 7 cents per member for Foreign Missions last year. Many gave much more, but thousands gave less or nothing. The total amount was \$7,847.68. Of that amount Tuskaloosa Association gave about \$115.00. It behooves us to observe the moving of the Lord among the nations, that we may both rejoice in and follow his leading.

L. O. DAWSON, Chairman.

The following is the report on Home Missions :

The Home Mission Board was inaugurated forty-nine years ago, amid fear and trembling, and without means or missionaries. The results have far exceeded its most sanguine projectors. Those best informed tell us, in this time, the Board has organized 2500 churches, built 1500 houses of worship, and baptized 130,000 converts. The report made at Dallas, Texas, in May last, is very encouraging, and is considered under four heads: 1. Work among foreign population; 2. Work among Negroes; 3. Work among native people; 4. Church building. The work in Cuba is said never to have been more promising. Fifty thousand emigrants land annually in Baltimore; and the Board is doing good work among them, as also among the Germans of the North-west, the French in Louisiana, the Mexicans in Texas, and the Indians. Among the Negroes the Board is doing a good work. The destitution among our own native people is great, and to them the Board is extending a liberal hand. The summary of the work for the past year shows 381 missionaries employed, 133 churches organized, 67 houses of worship built, and 4470 converts baptized. The expenditure has been \$91000, of which Alabama contributed less than \$4000.

If so much has been accomplished in the past fifty years, under such adverse circumstances, what may not be done in the next half century, if the Board receives the loyal support of the churches.

The passing needs of the hour are great. In St. Louis alone 250,000 people are destitute of the gospel. Other places are equally as destitute.

Help the Board by giving it good contributions, and invoking upon its officers and laborers the blessing of Him without whom we can do nothing.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. HILL, Chairman.

Then came the discussion on the general subject of Missions, which was participated in with much interest by Wilson, Bealle, Crumpton, Moody and Dawson.

The Committee on Nominations reported :

Your Committee on Nominations respectfully recommend that the next session of this body be held with Flat Woods Church, beginning Wednesday after the first Sunday in September, 1895. We nominate Elder L. H. Huff to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Elder J. E. Wilson as alternate; and Elder J. H. Curry to preach the Missionary Sermon, with Dr. J. H. Foster as alternate. We nominate the following brethren as the Executive Committee of the Association : Dr. J. H. Foster, chairman, J. S. Yerby, J. H. Curry, F. S. Moody, L. O. Dawson, J. T. Bealle, and L. H. Huff. We also nominate Bro. S. E. Phifer as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with Bro. H. F. Hill as alternate, L. R. Finnell second alternate. We nominate no delegate to the State Baptist Convention, as that body does not meet again until after our next Association. Respectfully submitted,

ROBISON BROWN, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows :

We have received for Home Missions,	- - - -	\$23 00
Foreign Missions,	- - - -	32 81
State Missions,	- - - -	19 89
Minutes,	- - - -	27 00
Associational Funds,	- - - -	17 35
Orphan's Home,	- - - -	8 55
Aged and Infirm Ministers,	- - - -	3 75
Public Collection,	- - - -	11 13
Total,	- - - -	\$143 48

Respectfully submitted, S. M. BLACK,

A Committee consisting of S. M. Black, Robison Brown, and J. H. Anders, was appointed to consult as to the propriety of holding an all-day missionary meeting in each church within the next thirty days.

The Committee reported as follows :

Your Committee appointed to attend to the matter of missionary meetings beg leave to report as follows: We have, as best we could in our limited time, consulted and thought about this matter, and are constrained to say that we do not believe that just now is an opportune time for such a general movement. This is the season of the year during which protracted meetings are held in most of our churches, we have just had two District Meeting, one Associational gathering, one Sunday School Convneution, and will have another S. S. Convention during the latter part of this month. If any of our brethren can arrange to hold such meetings, we have no doubt the churches will gladly receive them, and that they will also do the Master great service.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. BLACK, Chairman.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 9 A. M.

Devotional Exercises were conducted for one-half hour by S. M. Black.

J. C. Brown, Secretary of the Sunday School Convention, made the following report :

Your Sunday School Committee beg leave to report that since the last Association met, this Convention has assembled regularly every fifth Sunday and Saturday preceding. We are informed that the majority of these meetings have been well attended and remarkably interesting. We regard these meetings as being the most useful adjunct of this Association. They have become so successful that nearly every church throughout the entire Association have organized flourishing Sabbath Schools. However, we intend prosecuting this glorious work until no church will be long without a Sabbath School. No doubt but that the superintendents of our most progressive churches are somewhat derelict in lending their invaluable presence and assistance to the several conventions. This fact is to be greatly deplored. Since our last association, the removal of Bro. C. F. Wheelock from our midst is to be exceedingly regretted—he being the prime motor, we might say the life of the convention. Its interest was perceptibly abated and its progress retarded, temporarily at least. Too much cannot be said in praise of Bro. Wheelock's work in this particular. He was the first and best secretary that the convention ever had the honor of possessing. Bro. C. E. Rice is still our efficient president. The next convention meets with Big Sandy church, on the fifth Saturday and Sunday of this month, to which this entire association is cordially invited. Respectfully submitted, JAS. C. BROWNE, Sec.

The Committee on Orphans' Home reported as follows :

The Baptists of Alabama have long felt the need of an Orphans' Home. An earnest effort was made during the war to supply this want. This effort failed, from causes beyond their control. Within recent years, a renewed effort has been successful, and a valuable property, well adapted to the purpose, has been secured. It is located at Evergreen, Ala., and Rev. John W. Stewart is the authorized agent, and contributions may be sent to him. This cause appeals strongly to every Christian heart. These orphan children need your contributions, that they may be educated and trained in work that will earn them a living, and prepare them for the service of God and of their generation.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. FOSTER, Chairman.

Pending the discussion on this subject, a collection of \$6.00 was taken for this cause.

The Committee on Periodicals reported :

It is not possible for our people to work efficiently without being

thoroughly acquainted with facts, plans, purposes, hopes, trials and triumphs connected with the churches. The very best way to keep in touch with all this is for our people to read the Alabama Baptist, the organ of our State Convention. It represents all interests of the churches, and our pastors can do their churches a great service by persuading the members to take and read it prayerfully. Address, Alabama Baptist, Montgomery, Ala.

Great benefit would come to the churches and the general work if our people would also read the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., the Home Mission Field, Atlanta, Ga., and the Young People's Leader, Nashville, Tenn. We call especial attention to the Convention Series of Sunday School Helps. These Helps are ours; they are prepared by our own people, for our own schools. They cost as little as possible. What profit may be derived is given to promote the interests of our missions and Sunday Schools. Order through W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, Ala.

J. M. WARD Chairman.

Whereas, The Sunday School Board spends all the profits accruing from the sale of our Sunday School Helps, on our schools and on the missionary interests of our convention; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our Secretary be instructed to display an advertisement of these Helps, free of charge, in these minutes.

The Committee on Education reported:

The question is not whether we shall educate or not, but how shall the great mass of the people be aroused to action in this matter. The great necessity of an education directs and demands our attention to this important enterprise. We labor incessantly and manifest great anxiety for food and raiment for our children, to the exclusion of the cultivation and training of the more important part of all human beings—the mind; as much as to say the body is of more importance. We, as Baptists, must attend to this all important matter, first, because it is a duty we owe to the children God has given us, and because he requires us to make them just as efficient as possible, that they may fill their stations in life creditably; and, second, because we must keep abreast with other denominations in the progress and educational interests of the age. Other denominations use great exertions and manifest great interest in their denominational schools, and if we make no effort, or lightly esteem this great work, we will go down, while they will rise up in the power of their manhood and reap the fruit of our labors, for which we have a perfect right. It is true the Baptists own and control some very important educational facilities. Some of them we are indeed very proud of—such as the Howard at East Lake, the Judson at Marion, and the A. C. F. at Tuscaloosa. One of the greatest questions that confronts us to-day is, the better education of the ministry. We must educate them in order to enable them to fulfill the mission upon which they are sent. As a means of training for them, we have the S. B. Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.; and, as a tree is known by its fruits, so the fruits of this grand institution has gone out over the United States and the islands of the

sea. With these grand institutions, so well equipped for disseminating the truth, we should not be contented until "Jerusalem be made a praise in the earth." Now, while others are going on from conquest to victory, let us awake and rise up in the power of the God of Israel and assert our rights. Let us work now, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Humbly submitted. J. E. WILSON, Chairman.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

No greater curse was ever visited upon any nation than that of intemperance, especially in regard to strong drink. Words neither too scathing nor denunciatory can be uttered against this crying and ever-present evil. How can any people or country prosper, either religiously or otherwise, while confronted by opposition that so materially tends towards the breaking down and destruction of everything of which morality, the elevation of the human race, and prosperity are composed? How long, oh, how long, will these fearful conditions and unfavorable circumstances continue, God only knows. However, we can, by united effort and continued prayer, abate the deplorable nuisance to a considerable extent. It seems as though the men have given up this all-important question entirely. So if there is much good done along this line, it devolves upon the noble and large-hearted women to finally emancipate a dying people from this arch-fiend and home destroyer. And, we might add, they are performing their work magnificently and accomplishing untold good in this direction. All they need to enthrone them is encouragement and support from the sterner sex. Then, let us not impede or retard their progress; but rather bid them God speed. It has always struck us as being exceedingly remarkable that a civilized and christianized people have to be reminded and admonished so often as to the serious and horrible results of the excessive use of intoxicants. Since it is a sad truth that foreign heathen countries are flooded with rum on the one hand, and dying for the want of the gospel on the other, is it not high time, brethren, to bestir ourselves and begin to do something to counteract and avert this awful and lamentable calamity?

Respectfully submitted, J. C. BROWNE, Chairman.

Adjourned for dinner till 2 p. m. Prayer by J. E. Wilson.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

The services were opened with prayer by J. T. Bealle.

The report on Temperance was discussed at some length and with much warmth by J. C. Brown, Hamilton, Barbour, J. S. Yerby, and Bealle.

The Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers reported:

We, your Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers beg to make the following report: After investigation we find that there is none such in the bounds of this Association, save in the person of Elder N. H. Williams of Vance, Ala., and we would ask that this body make a liberal contribution to him as he is in very needy circumstances.

Respectfully submitted, S. M. BLACK, Chairman.

Pending the discussion of this report, a collection amounting to \$3.25 was taken for Elder N. H. Williams of Vances.

On motion, the Executive Committee was authorized to employ a Missionary Colporter for *all* or a *part* of his time.

The Committee on Documents reported:

On a careful examination of the Letters, we find, in most of the churches, evidences of health and growth. A few report barrenness while others bring cheering news of revivals and large increase in members. Out of the thirty, twenty-three report Sabbath Schools, most of which are doing good work, and are largely attended. We are pleased to see both in the churches and Sabbath schools the spirit of missions on the increase. We hope the day is not far distant when every church, every Sabbath school, and every individual will look upon contributing to the Lord's cause as belonging regularly and stately to the public worship of God, and that no one who preaches or prays or reads or sings or hears will be content unless he also contributes. We note also with pleasure the accession of Brookwood church to our Association. We shall hope and expect good things from this promising church from such a busy and thriving community. Windham Springs has a good house of worship in process of construction, and is nearing completion. We bespeak for them liberal assistance in this, their time of need; and we ask all those who desire the advance of the Lord's cause to come up with liberal contributions to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Humbly submitted, CLERK.

The Committee on Apportionment reported:

We, the Committee on Apportionment, suggest that the churches be requested to raise, for all benevolent purposes, the present Associational Year, the respective amounts set opposite their names, as follows:

Bellview,	\$7	Piney Grove,	\$7	Cottondale,	\$13	Shultz Creek,	\$13
Bethany,	13	Big Creek,	13	Mt. Moriah,	13	Siloam,	7
Bethel,	10	Big Hurricane,	9	Mt. Olive,	7	Tuscaloosa,	330
Bibbville,	8	Pleasant Hill,	7	Mt. Paran,	7	Vance,	7
Flat Woods;	8	Sardis,	7	Mt. Pleasant,	7	Windham Sp'gs,	7
Gilgal,	18	Big Sandy,	13	Mt. Zion,	10	Woodstock,	18
Hopewell,	8	Blocton,	18	Northport,	190	Brookwood,	8
LittleSandy,	13	Carroll's Creek,	4	Total,	- - -	\$800	

Respectfully submitted, CLERK.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees to serve for one year:

Temperance—R.S.Cox, D.W.Campbell, T.B.Whatley.
Sunday Schools—Robison Browne, B.M.Phifer, L.O.Browne.

*State Missions—D.A.Browne, A.B.Rolen, B.T.Blackburn.

Home Missions—F.S.Moody, R.M.Vance, S.E.Hodge.

Foreign Missions—J.S.Yerby, J.H.Ryan, John Goodson.

Education—E.H.Murfee, R.X.Barringer, J.D.Monroe.

Periodicals—L.H.Huff, J.M.Wright, C.E.Rice.

Orphanage—L.O.Dawson, J.T.Hayes, H.F.Hill.

Aged and Infirm Ministers—J.E.Wilson, W.R.Copeland, W.H.Lewis.

The following reports were made of the District Meetings:

The First District of the Tuscaloosa Baptist Association, convened with Mt. Moriah Church on the 20th day of July, 1894. Introductory Sermon preached by Elder L. H. Huff. After an intermission of one hour and a half, the meeting was called to order, and Bro. F. M. Woods was elected Moderator, J. T. Hayes Clerk.

Bros. L. O. Dawson and T. M. Leatherwood were appointed to read the letters. On motion all delegates who were without letters were received as delegates.

On motion a Committee on Devotion was appointed consisting of Bros. W. F. Goodson, S. H. Knox and J. E. Wilson. Committee on Nominations—L. O. Dawson, L. H. Huff and R. S. Clements. The first subject on the programme was then taken up; and in the absence of Bro. S. M. Black, Bro. Bealle was appointed to take his place. The subject was ably discussed by Brethren Bealle, Dawson, Wood and Alexander. After singing the doxology and prayer by Bro. Craig, the meeting adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.—Devotional exercises by Bro. Quarles.

The meeting was then called to order by the chairman. The subject Associational Missions was taken up and opened by Bro. Bealle. Eleven a. m. Missionary Sermon by Bro. L. O. Dawson, after which a collection was taken for the Orphan's Home at Evergreen, amounting to \$4.44. The subject of Home Missions was opened by Bro. J. E. Wilson. The Committee on Nominations reported that the next place of holding the District Meeting be left with the body. And it was decided that the next meeting of this District be held with Bellview Church on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in July, 1895. (Bellview is near Kimbrel Station on A. G. S. R. R.)

Programme: Introductory Sermon by J. T. Yerby; Associational Missions by J. T. Bealle; Home Missions by J. E. Wilson; Foreign Missions by S. A. Latham; How can we induce our young people to take a part in church work by R. S. Clements.

The meeting adjourned. F. M. Woods, Chairman.

The next meeting of the Second District will be held with Mt. Olive Church, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1895. To preach Introductory Sermon Elder S. E. Hodge. Friday afternoon: Evidences of Regeneration, R. S. Cox. Christian Beneficence, its Nature and Aim, Evan Coleman. Saturday: How may every Church-member do Something, S. E. Hughes. Our Foreign Missionaries, J. H. Curry. Our Home Missionaries, L. R. Finnell.

On motion, the thanks of the Association were tendered to the good people of Cottondale and vicinity for the generous hospitality displayed in taking care of the Association.

After several short, touching, and appropriate talks by the brethren, the Association engaged in singing, taking the parting hand and prayer, and adjourned its Sixty-second Annual Session, another highly enjoyable one, to meet with the Flat Woods Church on Wednesday after the first Sabbath in September, 1895.

J. H. CURRY, Moderator.

J. T. YERBY, Stated Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by their different churches in our Union, who, producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

2. The members thus chosen and convened, shall be known by the name of THE TUSCALOOSA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, which shall have the privilege to enact and carry out Missionary purposes in all their bearings --yet, so as that the churches and individual members are left free; and that giving or withholding shall not be a bar to membership.

3. The Association shall usurp no authority over the churches in our Union, or infringe any of their internal rights; but shall merely be considered an advisory council, in all matters relative to their internal concerns; nevertheless, it becomes necessary, in some cases, to have a uniform rule of procedure, namely: If one church commit an offence against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction, if she fail of success, she shall call the aid of two or more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction, and if final satisfaction, in the opinion of the helps thus called, be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a serious difference should arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor cannot be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work; and if a reconciliation be not effected, the helps so called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association, to be acted on according to its merits; but the Association will take cognizance of no case of the above kind, unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued, according to the economy of the church discipline, found in the 18th chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew, and other parts of the Scriptures, which define the nature of offences and the manner of bringing offenders to trial.

4. The churches of our union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communications, specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and deceased, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

5. Every church in our union shall be entitled to representation in the following manner: Each church shall be entitled to send four delegates, and any church with a membership exceeding 75, for every additional 25 members shall be entitled to one additional delegate. Any church failing to represent herself as prescribed, shall state her reasons at the next session. Any delegate retiring from the Association without leave, before the body adjourns, shall have his name stricken from the minutes of that session.

6. New churches may be admitted to our union by delegates bearing petitionary letters. If, upon due examination, they be found orderly and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their admission by giving the delegates the right hand in token of christian fellowship.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

8. At every session of the Association, a Moderator shall be appointed by and from the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A stated clerk shall be appointed, who shall continue in office until the Association shall elect his successor, and whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of every session of this body, which he is to present to the view of the Association annually. An assistant clerk may be elected each year, if necessary.

9. The Association shall have power to exclude from the union any church that may violate the constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of the constitution.

10. The Association shall furnish the Minutes of every session to the churches making contributions for that purpose.

11. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she endeavored to reconcile it, but failed. In such a case, the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of a majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

12. Questions which immediately concern the general union of the churches, sent by a particular church, or introduced by a proper motion, shall be taken up and decided on as soon as practicable.

13. Any church in our union having a preacher whom she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work; and all presbyteries, in the ordaining of ministers or deacons, or in the constituting of churches, shall be governed by the Abstract of Faith adopted by the Association.

14. The Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches; and all monies thus contributed, shall be transmitted from the churches by their delegates, and paid over to the committee on finance. This committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Association Fund, and dispose of the same agreeably to order, and make, at every session, a fair and circumstantial report of their proceedings.

15. The Association shall not adjourn any session until she shall have finished all business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

16. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the session rises.

17. The Association shall, in all cases, (except to amend the Constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present.

18. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of the Association, when $\frac{2}{3}$ of its members present shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testament, are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's inability, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Ghost,

8. We believe that the Saints shall be preserved in Grace, and never fall finally away.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the true believers are the only subjects of Baptism, and that by Immersion is the Apostolic mode.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the General Judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, but one who is regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of Presbytery.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a discretionary right to call a member to order at any time.

3. A member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and, on obtaining permission, proceed.

5. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.

6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or use words of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided on or withdrawn before another shall be offered.

8. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for the debates, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association on the subject in such mode as he may determine.

9. The Moderator shall announce the decision to the body.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition, without permission of the Association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debates have been carried through.

12. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the Association by members in their address to one another.

13. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but he shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

16. Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator, at his discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

The American Baptist Publication Society,

1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

WHAT IT IS.

1. It is our Baptist Bible Society—sending out 85,000 copies of the Scriptures annually and in many different languages. Supplying Missionaries, Pastors, Sunday-schools, and the Destitute. In this country there are 8,000,000 persons without a Bible.

2. It is our Baptist Tract Society.—It has distributed nearly 43,000,000 pages of Tracts. A single one of these Tracts is known to have led forty persons, in one year, to obey Christ.

3. It is our Baptist Sunday-school Society.—It has organized 9,918 new schools, and has helped multitudes of weak schools besides. A single one of our Society Missionaries organized 400 schools, out of which have sprung 100 Baptist churches.

4. It is our Baptist Colporter Missionary Society.—Our Missionary Colporters have visited 1,245,488 neglected families, or more families than there are in the five largest cities of our land together. They have baptized 24,349 persons and organized 1,085 Baptist churches.

5. It is our Baptist Book Concern.—It prints and distributes each year about thirty-six millions of Publications, little and large. It prints our Sunday-school periodicals and library books, and our Baptist tracts and commentaries, etc., and this Book Department supports itself entirely.

6. It is the property of American Baptists.—It is not a stock company. It has no stockholders. It is a missionary organization and belongs only to the Baptist denomination. All its property is for missionary purposes and all of its objects are missionary.

7. It is the helper of every other work.—Churches, Pastors, Sunday-schools, Missionaries, Visitors, Young People's Societies, and all needy work of Baptists, have long and constantly received aid from this Society, and it has many and great claims upon the most generous support, confidence, and help of all Baptists.

8. It has a Missionary field of its own and peculiar to itself.—It does not appoint pastors or maintain local churches. Its Missionary Colporters go from house to house visiting families and doing religious work among the destitute. Its Institutes are for organization, instruction, and the means of great blessings. Its aid to needy Sunday-schools, ministers, churches, and destitute and distant regions has been unceasing. It is the push and pioneer Society.

9. Its Chapel Car work has been greatly blessed of God.—Three of these Cars are now at work and carry the gospel into regions but little blessed with any religious privileges. In one year there were 1,313 sermons, 207 prayer meetings, 11 Sunday-schools, and 7 churches, from two of these Cars, and there were many hundreds of professed conversions. Meetings for women and for children were specially held and great good done in families.

10. No work is more needed, more blessed, or more economical than that of this Society.—Not one dollar of the donations of the churches or others is expended on salaries at the rooms. The masses of our population will never be reached without such work as Missionary Colporters going among the people and after the people. The great and only hope for souls and for States is the gospel of Christ in and among them.

Help this Society. Study its work and worth. Spread this knowledge among the churches and people and see to it that every church, every school, and every person contributes to help this Society. **It needs your help. It deserves it.**

CHARLES H. BANES, *Secretary.*

C. C. BITTING,

Bible and Missionary Secretary.



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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

T. M. Barbour,	- - - -	Tuskaloosa.
J. T. Bealle,	- - - -	Northport.
R. H. Blake,	- - - -	River Bend.
L. P. Craig,	- - - -	Bibbville.
J. H. Curry,	- - - -	Northport.
L. O. Dawson,	- - - -	Tuskaloosa.
J. H. Foster,	- - - -	Tuskaloosa.
S. E. Hodge,	- - - -	Humphrey.
L. H. Huff,	- - - -	Cottondale.
J. W. Loveless,	- - - -	Pearl.
F. E. Mills,	- - - -	Humphrey.
Jos. Price,	- - - -	Brookwood.
W. T. Rodgers,	- - - -	Kimbrel.
M. B. Smith,	- - - -	Tuskaloosa.
Jos. Tibbs,	- - - -	Vance's.
T. B. Whatley,	- - - -	Tuskaloosa.
J. E. Wilson,	- - - -	Woodstock.
J. T. Yerby,	- - - -	Tuskaloosa.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

- 1.—Devotional Exercises.
- 2.—Presentation of Letters from the Churches, and Election of Officers.
- 3.—Receive Correspondence.
- 4.—Return Correspondence.
- 5.—Open the door for the reception of new members.
- 6.—Appoint Special Committees, viz: 1. On Preaching: 2. On Documents: 3. On Nominations: 4. On Finance.
- 7.—Reports of Standing Committees, viz: 1. On Temperance; 2. On Sunday Schools; 3. On State, Home, and Foreign Missions; 4. On Education; 5. On Aged and Infirm Ministers; 6. On Periodicals; 7. Executive Committee.
- 8.—Orphans' Home.
- 9.—Miscellaneous Business.
- 10.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
- 11.—Give parting hand.